



**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. **FORS-06612**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **James E. Dahlberg, et al.**  
Serial No.: **09/940,925** Group No.: **1636**  
Filed: **August 28, 2001** Examiner: **Daniel M. Sullivan**  
Entitled: **DETECTION OF TARGET SEQUENCES BY CLEAVAGE OF  
NON-TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, with response due on or before March 16, 2004 in order to receive an Advisory Action. In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R.

§1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.